

7. An external storage device according to claim 1,
wherein the non-volatile semiconductor memory includes an
area which stores data of the host computer and an area which stores
information on the external storage device,

wherein the area of the non-volatile semiconductor memory
which stores the data of the host computer is made of a protected
data area and a non-protected data area,

wherein the area of the non-volatile semiconductor memory
which stores the information on the external storage device stores
location information on the protected data area,

wherein the external storage device dynamically changes
the protected data area of the non-volatile semiconductor memory on
the basis of an instruction of the host computer by a part which
rewrites the location information on the protected data area of the
non-volatile semiconductor memory, and

wherein, when the host computer is to access the
protected data area, the external storage device performs
authentication through an authentication procedure for accessing to
the protected data area.

8. An external storage device according to claim 1, further
comprising a part, which is provided in the connecting part and
recognizes the kind of host computer during activation, performing
access control on the plural areas of the non-volatile semiconductor
memory according to the kind of host computer.--